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LETTER DATED 29 APRIL 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NETHERLANDS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

With reference to your letters of 23 January and 9 April 1991 regarding the recommendations formulated by the Security Council in response to requests for assistance received under the provisions of Article 50 of the United Nations Charter from countries facing special economic problems as a result of their carrying out of the measures adopted by the Council in its resolution 661 (1990). I have the honour to provide you herewith with the information on actions undertaken by the Government of the Netherlands to alleviate the special economic problems of States adversely affected by the Gulf Crisis.

The Netherlands' Government is fully aware of the serious problems encountered by many countries as a result of the Gulf Crisis and consequently has provided technical, financial and material assistance to mitigate the adverse impact on their economies. This special relief was granted in addition to the existing bilateral and multilateral assistance programmes.

The Netherlands has provided USD 18 million to Egypt, USD 18 million to Turkey and USD 18 million to Jordan in special bilateral economic assistance. The Netherlands has equally contributed USD 9 million in humanitarian aid through the International Committee of the Red Cross, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, the Netherlands Red Cross, the United Nations Children's Fund, the European Community, Médecins sans Frontières and the International Organization for Migration.

For the additional assistance granted through multilateral channels, I wish to refer to the communication of 26 April last by the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg, on behalf of the European Community and its Twelve member States, which contains a summary of the assistance given by the European Community to countries adversely affected by the Gulf Crisis and of the actions taken in relation to international financial institutions.

I kindly request that this letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Robert J. VAN SCHAIK
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Permanent Representative